

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

January 2025 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY MEZA,

Defendant.

CR 2:25-cr-00232-AB

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(C): Distribution of
Fentanyl Resulting in Death;
21 U.S.C. § 853: Forfeiture]

The Grand Jury charges:

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

On or about June 14, 2023, in Ventura County, within the Central District of California, defendant ANTHONY MEZA knowingly and intentionally distributed N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, the use of which resulted in the death and serious bodily injury of M.K.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

[21 U.S.C. § 853]

1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, in the event of the defendant's conviction of the offense set forth in this Indictment.

2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United States of America the following:

(a) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

(b) All right, title and interest in any and all property, real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense; and

(c) To the extent such property is not available for forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond

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1 The jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished
2 in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot
3 be divided without difficulty.

4 A TRUE BILL

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6 /s/
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Foreperson

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